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WASHINGTON NEWS

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ica-the country whose motto was had thought the present laws adequate until the investigation begun by Judson and Harmon into the Santa Fe case had ended in a miserable flasco. The Panama canal emergency appropaid employes was criticised, it was tee by a vote of 40 to 23.

> It is formally announced in Washter of the president, will take place in February.

The death of Senator Mitchell of Oregon was not mentioned in the senate and no committee was appointed to attend the funeral.

Secretary Shaw has replied to Senator Tillman's resolution, saying that tions were made by national banks.

A controversy took place in the house December 12 and 13 between Mr. Williams of Mississippi, and Messrs. Lamar of Florida, and Shackleford of Missouri. Mr. Williams had barred Messrs. Lamar and Shackleford from committees, and it was charged that he did this because they had refused to support the Davey railroad bill at the last session, but gave their support to the Hearst bill. Messrs. Lamar and Shackleford claimed that the Davey bill was not in truth a caucus measure. Mr. Williams says that he left them off of the committee because as a house leader he thought it desirable to obtain a minority that would work harmoniously.

In the senate on December 14 the entire day was devoted to debate on the Isthmian canal appropriation. Many senators expressed the opinion that the salaries provided for in the canal appropriation were entirely too high.

December 15 Senator Tillman criticised the president for conditions in Santo Domingo. Senator Money said that the president's policy with respect to Santo Domingo showed that he meant to walk softly in dealing with the big nations and to use the big stick in dealing with the weak. The proposed appropriation for the Panama canal was also criticised, Senator Tillman pointing out the absurd-

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